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ON THE INFLUENCE OF PATAÑJALI UPON YOGASŪTRA. (PARTICULARLY ON SARVĀSTIVĀDIN)

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- A. The followings are the teachings of Yogasūtra which are common to those of Buddhism or at least similar to them.
- 1) The classification of samādhi or samāpatti into savitarka, savicāra, nirvitarka and nirvicāra (Sūtra I. 17, 1. 42–44) resembles very much to the classification of samādhi in Buddhism into (1) savitarka savicāra samādhi (2) avitarka vicāramātra samādhi and (3) avitarka-avicāra samādhi.
- 2) Śraddhā, vīrya, smṛti, samādhi and prajñā (Sūtra I. 20) are at one with the 5 indriyas, or 5 balas in Buddhism.
- 3) Maitrī, karuņā, muditā, and upekṣā (Sūtra I. 33) agree with the 4 species of apramāṇa in Buddhism.
- 4) The explanation of avidyā in Sūtra II. 5 is quite in agreement with the 4 kinds of viparyāsa which is the special teaching of Buddhism. Particularly the parable in Vyāsa that avidyā is like amitra is found only in Vasubandhus' Abhidharmakośa vol. 10. (tr. by Hiouen-thsang.)
- 5) It is explained (Sūtra II. 12) that dṛṣṭajanmavedanīya and adṛṣṭjanmavedanīya have their origin in karmāśaya which depends on klésa and that they are the result (vipāka) of karmāśaya. Especially in the comment of Vyāsa an effort is made to solve the problem "Is one karma the cause of one birth (janma) or

one karma the cause of more than one birth, or more than one karma the cause of more than one birth?" And in the comment of Sūtra II. 13, niyata-vipāka, aniyata-vipāka are explained. All these explanations are quite similar to the Buddhist explanation of karma in Abhidharma-mahāvibhāṣaśāstra vols. 19–20 (tr. by Hiouen-thsang.)

- 6) The passage in which parināmaduḥkha, tāpaduḥkha, and saṁskāraduḥkha are explained as the causes of duḥkha (Sūtra II. 15) is just identical with the theory of trayaduḥkhatā in Buddhism.
- 7) The explanation of vimukti prajñāyāḥ, and citta vimukti (Sūtra II. 27) is quite similar to the explanation of paññāvimutti (prajñāvimukti) and cetovimutti (cittavimukti) in Buddhism. Particularly the explanation of vimukti prajñāyāḥ is quite the same with that of kṣayajñāna, and anutpādajñāna in Buddhism.
- 8) The explanations in Sūtra III. 9–15 and also in Sūtra IV. 13–14 have a close relation with Buddhism, which I intend to discuss later.
- 9) Janma, oṣadhi, mantra, tapas, samādhi which are explained in Sūtra IV. 1 as the means of gaining siddhi are just the same with the means of gaining ṛddhi-viṣayajñāna explained in Abhidharmakośa vol. 27.
- 10) Karma is divided into kṛṣṇa, śuklakṛṣṇa, śukla, aśukla-akṛṣṇa in Sūtra IV. 7. And this is quite similar with the 4 kinds of karma in Buddhism.
- 11) Dharmameghasamādhi (Sūtra IV. 29) is the title of Bhūmi X of Bodhisattva.
 - 12) The nirālambanavāda is objected in Yogasūtra. (IV.

14-21) And the object of this hostile criticism seems to be Vijñāna-vāda Buddhism.

These instances I have above mentioned are, I believe, most exhaustive in a sense, and they are much more in number than those which have ever been noticed by any other scholars.

B. It is stated in the comment of Vyāsa (Sūtra III. 9-14. IV. 12-13) that past, present and future are only the forms of different manifestation of the phenomena (dharma). However they exist as dharmin or drayva in the three time forms. And I believe that I am the first to affirm that this advocacy is quite similar to that of Sarvāstivādin, one of the Hīnayāna school. According to Patanjali Vyāsa dharmin or dravya needs these steps for its realization. The first step is to phenomenalize as phenomena in general (dharma-parināma, or bhāva-parināma). The second step is to phenomenalize as things determined by successive times (laksana-parināma) and the third step is to phenomenalize as things determined by intensity (avasthā-pariṇāma). In Buddhism, however, according to Mahā-vibhāsaśāstra (vol. 77) (vol. 20) "tryadhvānadharmāh Abhidharmakośaśāstra sarvadā santi" is the teaching taught by the four teachers. They taught their own views independently using parables for their own illustrations. The first teacher Dharmatrāta maintains that the division of the three time forms is the difference of the state of being, and not the difference of the substance (dravya). The second teacher Ghosa maintains that the division of the three time forms is the difference of attribute. The third teacher Vasumitra says that it is the difference of position (avasthā). And the forth teacher Buddhadeva maintains that it is nothing but a difference of points of view (apekṣā).

And now let me here compare these theories with the explanations in the Patañiali-Vyāsa. According to the Patañiali-Vyāsa dharma (or bhāva), laksana, and avasthā are the three stages of the continual development of the substance. And according to Vaibhāsikas of Sarvāstivāda, dharma, laksana and avastha are "the difference affected by the difference of Herein lies the difference of the two. But they view-point." both recognize the existence of the substance through the three time forms, and besides this the parable of Vyāsa is quite similar to that of Mahā-vibhāsaśāstra, (with regard to the decimal system in the parable of Vyāsa Prof. Woods says "the oldest instance of the use of the decimal system is in the Guriara inscription of A.D. 595." But this is the opinion which we find in Abhidharma-mahāvibhāsaśāstra which is considered to have been compiled in about 150 A.D.).

C. As for the reason for this similarity between Buddhism and Yogasūtra I decidedly claim that it is due to the fact that Patañjali utilized the doctrines of Buddhism in setting us its own theory though it took the theory of Sānkhya chiefly. Vyāsa especially reformed its own theory influenced by Mahā-vibhāṣa directly and indirectly. And this causes the similarity of the parables with those of the four great teachers of Mahā-vibhāṣa. And though I can not be positive, it is certain that Vyāsa has been influenced by the doctrine of Sarvāstivāda through Abhidharma-kośa-śāstra of Vasubandhu. At any rate it is a manifest fact that both Patañjali and Vyāsa have been influenced by Buddhism. Particularly it is appropriate to think that they have been influenced by Buddhism through Abhidharma rather than Buddhist Sūtra,